

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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MELRUDE, MN. 55766**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MAY 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Jeff Musburger. The pledge of allegiance was said by all. Members present were: Vice Chairman Keith Fulcher; Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh; Clerk Annette Millsop; Treasurer Shelly Stallcop; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Leppala. Guests: Travis Cphench; Mike Kuriatnyk; Greg Millsop; Lee Voigt; John Dahlgren; Andy Moberg; Pam Hanson; Dick Hanson; Vickie Ross. Clerks Minutes: Kevin made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Keith seconded motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Shelly said:

Beginning Balance:	\$55,649.97
Receipts:	\$7,298.44
Dispersements:	\$7,089.42
Total:	\$55,858.99

Explanations by the board for the bills presented to the guests. Keith Fulcher talked about the washout on Nelson Road. Motion made to accept the report by Keith Fulcher Seconded by Kevin Cavanaugh and motion carried.

Annette Millsop read the minutes for the Road and Bridge Review. Motion to accept the minutes read by Keith Fulcher and Seconded by Kevin Cavanaugh; motion carried.

Guests: Andy Moberg had some issues about his road and the name for his private road he would like changed. Keith Fulcher said he would check into it and find out what can be done. He would like to have it changed to Kay Johnson Drive. Greg Millsop said any road that has 2 or 3 resident's needs to have a name. Discussion followed and Keith Fulcher will follow up on this issue.

Mr. Denzler asked about our wage increases. The board explained that a survey was done with all the townships and after this was done they increased the wages not to the lowest amount but in the middle. As far as wage increases Ellsburg hasn't had an increase for sixteen years.

Mrs. Hanson said the minutes need to be in the paper every month.

A survey of all the tax payers for the township will be sent a questionnaire about the possibility of a new Town Hall/Fire Hall/Post Office and will get input from them at the next meeting it will be finalized.

Correspondance: Virginia Ambulance Service has run into financial cost is going to change because of cuts from the state. MATIT Insurance; Dental Ins.; St. Louis County Attorney update; Jan Jackson sent a note from the Assessors for the Web site; MATIT sent conformation on our policy changes and Deductable raised to \$1,000.00 so we only owed \$75.00 more. The state changed homestead acreage to ten acres only for homeowners and the other thirty will be agriculture lands. Video cameras in meetings no.

Motion made by Kevin Cavanaugh to accept Jan Jackson as our assessor for one year at \$7,100.00 for the 2010 and seconded by Keith Fulcher; Motion carried.

West Mink, Blackburn and Waterhen roads need Chloride on them and this binds the roads. Annette wrote a letter to Dustcoating Inc. Motion to accept it and it will be sent today.

Old Business:

Jeff Musburger has a proposal for the questionnaire for the new building. Discussion followed. Vickie Ross said we should ask how many people have computer and will it go to all tax payers. Keith Fulcher also had a proposal and it will be sent to all tax payers. Only to property owners. Will construct the letter for the next meeting. Also will put a list in the computer for total tax payers. Also stamped return envelopes.

Stove: Keith Fulcher checked into stoves. Mike Kuriatnyk said the fifth burner needs to be high output. Mike Kuriatnyk and Annette Millsop will check them out with Keith Fulcher. Jeff Musburger made a motion to give a price of \$1,400.00 for Keith Fulcher to buy a stove.

We need to get ahold of someone at the county for a new S curve sign and Ellsburg sign on Melrude Road. Keith Fulcher will take care of that.

Jeff Musburger brought our attention to the grading issue. Rodda Grading and Excavating was brought up and discussion followed. Keith made a motion to contract Rodda for one year and Kevin Cavanaugh seconded; Motion carried. Annette Millsop will send a letter to St. Louis County Public Works for cancelling grading through them.

The furnace had a rodent in it and Como Oil and propane took care of it and Debbie suggested we clean the duct work or we would probably have the smell back.

Roads: Mink had a problem of flooding in Bohlin's yard. The PVC piping froze up and we will need to build a small mound and a ditch to maybe take care of the problem. Tracy Excavating will try to do this. Jeff Musburger will do a letter to be sent to both of them for conformation and they will sign it and send it back to the town hall.

John Ready on Stone Lake Road and he has a flooding problem. It was not a designated road by the township it is a private road and not something the township is liable for the road.

Lasar Printer: Annette Millsop purchased a new printer for \$169.00.

Door for the Fire Hall: Needs to be replaced and the handles for the outside and inside doors in the post office area need to be changed to. Jim Lippitt will be contacted to do this. Motion made and carried.

Vickie Ross said the corner of Blackburn Drive from Annie Drive is dangerous but because we don't have the authority to fix it because it belongs to the homeowners. Jeff Musburger will see if we can fix the roads with the new grader on Annie Drive.

The next meeting will be on June 30, 2009 at 3:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm by Keith Fulcher; seconded by Kevin Cavanaugh.